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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE FONMIN ASKS TO PAY OFFICIAL VISIT
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1. AMB PHAM HUY TY, HERE FOR UNCTAD WORKING GROUP (REFTEL), INFORMED US TODAY OF DECISION BY HIS FONMIN, VUONG VAN BAC, NOW IN CARACAS FOR LOS CONFERENCE, TO SEEK OFFICIAL CALL ON MEXICAN FONSEC RABASA. BAC PROPOSES TO VISIT MEXICO JULY 1-3 ONLY IF REQUEST FOR MEETING WITH RABASA IS GRANTED. IF IT IS NOT, BAC WILL TRAVEL FROM CARACAS TO NEW YORK AND THEN ON TO SAIGON.

2. TY FORTUNATELY HAD RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS TO SEEK MEETING JULY 2 OR 3 WHEN HIS APPOINTMENT AT FONSEC -- REQUESTED BY AUSTRALIAN AMB DAVIS (REFTEL) -- WAS FINALLY GRANTED FOR MORNING OF JUNE 25. TY WAS TO HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY RAUL VALDES AGUILAR, DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF DIPLOMATIC SERVICE. ON ARRIVAL, HOWEVER, TY WAS TOLD THAT VALDES WAS MEETING WITH PRESIDENT. HE THEREFORE
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SAW VALDES'S DEPUTY, VICTOR M. RODRIGUEZ GARCIA, INSTEAD.

ACCORDING TO TY, RODRIGUEZ PROMISED TO REPORT REQUEST FOR BAC-RABASA MEETING AND SUPPLY ANSWER NOT LATER THAN JUNE 27 AND ALSO LISTENED SYMPATHETICALLY TO TY'S EXPOSITION OF SITUATION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

3. TY (PROTECT PERSONAL VIEWS CONTAINED THIS PARAGRAPH) EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE BITTERNESS THAT FONMIN BAC HAD NOT ACCEPTED TY'S MORE MODEST PROPOSAL: THAT BAC COME TO MEXICO AS TITULAR HEAD OF VN OBSERVER DEL TO UNCTAD, MAKE PERFUNCTORY SPEECH, AND ONCE HERE REQUEST "COURTESY CALL" ON RABASA --WHICH HE THOUGHT MEXICANS WOULD HAVE FOUND MUCH MORE DIFFICULT TO REFUSE. TY ALSO COMPLAINED (HAVING HAD SOME EXPOSURE TO MEXICAN REALITIES) THAT HIS MINISTER EXPECTED TOO MUCH OF HIM.

4. TY DID NOT REQUEST USG INTERCESSION WITH GOM IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSED VISIT BY FONMIN, AND WE DOUBT THAT USG APPROACH WOULD BE OF SIGNIFICANT HELP IN ANY EVENT. GVN DEL TO LOS MAY HAVE CONTACTED GOM DEL IN CARACAS ABOUT VISIT, BUT TY UNDERSTANDS THAT HE HAS PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR PUSHING THE REQUEST. HE PROMISED TO LET US KNOW OUTCOME.

5. COMMENT: WITH RABASA STILL GETTING PUBLISHED CRITICISM FROM MEXICANS OF THE INTELLECTUAL LEFT FOR GOM RAPPROCHEMENT WITH CHILE, WE DOUBT THAT HE WILL BE INCLINED TO RECEIVE FONMIN BAC. JOVA

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